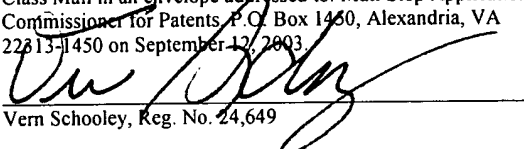


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Please enter the following amendment prior to the prosecution of this divisional application claiming priority on U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/293,522, filed April 15, 1999 as follows:

Amendments to the specification are reflected beginning on page two (2) of this paper.

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